

transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-036; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1539. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-020; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1540. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 14-144; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1541. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 14-145; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1542. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-003; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1543. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification, pursuant to Sec. 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, Transmittal No.: DDTC 15-007; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1544. A letter from the Executive Analyst, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1545. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting two reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-277; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1546. A letter from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendments to the Rules of Practice for Trials Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board [Docket No.: PTO-P-2015-0032] (RIN: 0651-AD00) received May 19, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1547. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report on Assistance Provided to Foreign Aviation Authorities for FY 2014, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 40113(e)(4) and the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, Pub. L. 112-95; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1548. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report on Assistance Provided to Foreign Aviation Authorities for FY 2013, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 40113(e)(4) and Sec. 207 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, Pub. L. 112-95; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California):

H.R. 2461. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to, and utilization of, bone mass measurement benefits under part B of the Medicare program by establishing a minimum payment amount under such part for bone mass measurement; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DEFazio (for himself and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 2462. A bill to restore the application of the Federal antitrust laws to the business of health insurance to protect competition and consumers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BERA (for himself and Mr. ROE of Tennessee):

H.R. 2463. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for drug disposal sites; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BENISHEK (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

H.R. 2464. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JOLLY (for himself and Mr. LOEBACK):

H.R. 2465. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the monthly housing stipend payable under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROONEY of Florida:

H.R. 2466. A bill to require the President to submit a plan for resolving all outstanding claims relating to property confiscated by the Government of Cuba before taking action to ease restrictions on travel to or trade with Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PEARCE (for himself, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. FLEMING, and Mr. STEWART):

H.R. 2467. A bill to clarify that the Secretary of Homeland Security may undertake law enforcement and border security activities within the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 2468. A bill to improve minority inclusion in clinical trials; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. DEFazio):

H.R. 2469. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency a Columbia River Basin Restoration Program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr.

JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. NADLER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 2470. A bill to require non-Federal prisons and detention facilities holding Federal prisoners under a contract with the Federal Government to make available to the public the same information pertaining to facility operations and to prisoners held in such facilities that Federal prisons and detention facilities are required to make available; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRADY of Texas:

H.R. 2471. A bill to cap noninterest Federal Spending as a percentage of potential GDP to right-size the government, grow the economy, and balance the budget; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CLAY (for himself and Mr. GRAVES of Missouri):

H.R. 2472. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a National Organ and Tissue Donor Registry Resource Center, to authorize grants for State organ and tissue donor registries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CLAY (for himself and Mr. NEUGEBAUER):

H.R. 2473. A bill to include credit unions as community financial institutions under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. HASTINGS):

H.R. 2474. A bill to require the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to impose fees and assessments to recover the cost of appropriations to the Commission; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. FINCHER (for himself and Mr. HECK of Washington):

H.R. 2475. A bill to provide for a one-year extension of the extended period of protections for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HECK of Nevada:

H.R. 2476. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to facilitate the transition to Medicare for individuals enrolled in group health plans, to establish a 3-month open enrollment period under Medicare Advantage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. BLUM, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. POLIS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. DELANEY, and Mr. ROYCE):

H.R. 2477. A bill to amend securities, commodities, and banking laws to make the information reported to financial regulatory agencies electronically searchable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in

each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 2478. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that ITIN applicants submit their application in person at taxpayer assistance centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LONG:

H.R. 2479. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the issuance of up-to-date regulations and guidance applying to the dissemination by means of the Internet of information about medical products; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico (for himself, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, and Mr. PEARCE):

H.R. 2480. A bill to increase research, education, and treatment for cerebral cavernous malformations; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MEEHAN (for himself and Mr. HOLDING):

H.R. 2481. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain contract research eligible for the research credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PAULSEN:

H.R. 2482. A bill to amend the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PAULSEN:

H.R. 2483. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide standards for determining employment status, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROHRABACHER (for himself, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. JONES, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. OLSON):

H.R. 2484. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that certain aliens who are pregnant are ineligible to receive visas and ineligible to be admitted to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. TORRES (for herself, Mrs. BUSTOS, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO):

H.R. 2485. A bill to establish in the Department of the Treasury an infrastructure accelerator program to facilitate investments in and financing of certain infrastructure projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. GUTIÉRREZ):

H.R. 2486. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow deductions for the payment of compensatory and punitive damages to a government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BRAT:

H.J. Res. 55. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POE of Texas:

H. Con. Res. 47. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 178; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MILLER of Florida (for himself and Ms. BROWN of Florida):

H. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. GRAYSON (for himself, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. LIPINSKI):

H. Res. 279. A resolution urging respect for freedom of expression and human rights in Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

28. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Washington, relative to Senate Joint Memorial No. 8008, asking the Congress to support the Conversion of the 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team of the Washington National Guard into a Stryker Brigade Combat Team with brigade units stationed in Washington, Oregon, and California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

29. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 29, memorializing the Congress to require the Department of Defense to ensure that replacement aircraft are assigned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base to compensate for the proposed elimination of the A-10 fleet; to the Committee on Armed Services.

30. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Florida, relative to Senate Memorial 866, expressing profound disagreement with the decision of the President of the United States to restore full diplomatic relations with Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

31. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming, relative to House Enrolled Joint Resolution No. 3, requesting the Congress and federal agencies to adequately fund and support all efforts to manage free-roaming feral horses on rangelands in the West at the appropriate management level, utilizing all management and control methods authorized by Sec. 3(d) of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

32. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Maine, relative to Joint Resolution 933, requesting the President and the Congress to direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to expand hatchery operations to rivers in Maine by partnering with the State and with the many non-government organizations that are focused on restoring Atlantic salmon to their historic natal rivers; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

33. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming, relative to House Enrolled Joint Resolution 5, requesting Congress to amend the United States Constitution to authorize congressional votes to approve or disapprove proposed federal regulations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

34. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Washington, relative to Senate Joint Memorial No. 8013, requesting Congress expedite appropriation of funds to significantly enhance monitoring and prevention efforts and to implement the intent of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

35. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming, relative to House Enrolled Joint Resolution No. 2, urging Congress to lift the freeze on longer commercial vehicles for the affected Western states in order to take advantage of new transportation strategies to improve highway efficiency; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 2461.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to Congress' legislative powers under Article I, Section 8, of the Constitution. Under this provision, Congress has the authority to regulate "commerce among the several states" and "To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises."

By Mr. DeFAZIO:

H.R. 2462.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress), and Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (relating to the power of Congress to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States).

By Mr. BERA:

H.R. 2463.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. BENISHEK:

H.R. 2464.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. JOLLY:

H.R. 2465.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. ROONEY of Florida:

H.R. 2466.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 section 8—to regulate commerce with foreign nations, among the several states with the Indian tribes.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 2467.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 4, Section 3, Clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the power to enact this law.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 2468.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 2469.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitution of the United States provides clear authority for Congress to pass legislation to provide for the general welfare of the United States. Article I of the Constitution, in detailing Congressional authority, provides that "Congress shall have Power to provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States. . . ." This legislation is introduced pursuant to that grant of authority.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 2470.